

In the Claims:

1-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously Presented) A method of installing a sink within an opening in a countertop, said opening having at least one side, said method comprising:

securing at least one mount to said sink prior to inserting said sink within said opening in said countertop;

inserting said sink with said at least one mount within said opening in said sink;

biasing a flexible sink engagement section of said at least one mount, said flexible sink engagement section initially disposed at an angle relative A1 relative to said sink wherein said biasing reduces said angle A1; and

engaging said at least one side of said opening with said flexible sink engagement section such that said sink is secured to said countertop.

18. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 17 wherein said act of securing said at least one mount to said sink further includes inserting a head of a fastener into a channel

disposed on a lip of said sink.

19. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 17 wherein said act of securing said at least one mount to said sink further includes securing said mount to said sink with an adhesive layer.

20. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 17 wherein said mount includes:

a body portion adapted to be secured to said sink; and
a first section having a first end disposed proximate a first end of said body portion; and
a second portion disposed proximate a second end of said first section, said second portion engaging a substantially vertical face of said opening in said countertop when said sink is disposed within said opening in said countertop.

21. (Cancelled)

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23. (New) A mount for securing a sink within an opening in a countertop, said mount comprising:

a body portion;

means for securing said body portion to said sink prior to installation of said sink in said countertop opening;

a flexible sink engagement section including:

a first section having a first end disposed proximate a first end of said body portion; and

a second portion having a first end disposed proximate a second end of said first section, said second section having a tip adapted to engage a substantially vertical face of said countertop opening when said sink is disposed within said countertop opening; and

means biasing said flexible sink engagement section from an unbiased position wherein said flexible sink engagement section is disposed at a first angle relative to a longitudinal axis of said body portion to an installed, biased position wherein said flexible sink engagement section is biased against said vertical face of said countertop opening and is disposed at a second angle relative to said longitudinal axis of said body portion, wherein said second angle is less than said first angle.

24. (New) The mount as claimed in claim 23 wherein said means for securing includes:

a channel engagement section proximate a second end of said body portion having a first aperture, said channel engagement section sized and shaped to engage an outer surface of a channel disposed proximate a lip portion of said sink; and

a fastener adapted to be disposed through said first aperture, said fastener having a head portion adapted to engage said sink channel.

25. (New) The mount as claimed in claim 23 wherein said means for securing includes at least one fastener.

26. (New) The mount as claimed in claim 23 wherein said means for securing includes an adhesive.

27. (New) The mount as claimed in claim 23 wherein said means for securing includes forming said body portion as part of said sink.

28. (New) The mount as claimed in claim 23 wherein said first section is disposed at an angle (A1) relative to said body portion, wherein said angle (A1) is between about 30 and about 60 degrees in said unbiased position.

29. (New) The mount as claimed in claim 23 wherein said second portion is disposed at an angle (A2) relative to said first section, wherein said angle (A2) is between about 15 and about 30 degrees in said unbiased position.

30. (New) The mount as claimed in claim 23 wherein said body portion includes:

a substantially vertical section;
a channel engagement section proximate a first end of said substantially vertical section having a first aperture, said channel engagement section sized and shaped to engage an outer surface of a channel disposed proximate a lip portion of said sink; and

a substantially horizontal section having a first end disposed proximate a second end of said substantially vertical section.